



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION 5  
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CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

**AUG 12 2015**

WN-16J

Ms. Tarah Heinzen  
Environmental Integrity Project  
1000 Vermont Ave., NW, Ste. 1100  
Washington, DC 20005

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request  
EPA-R5-2013-006337  
Sixth Interim Response

Dear Ms. Heinzen:

This letter is the sixth interim response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated May 10, 2013. On May 16, 2013, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency notified you that the referenced FOIA was being placed on a complex track as provided for at 40 CFR Part 2.104. This FOIA remains on a complex track. On May 28, 2015 you were notified that EPA anticipates providing a response to your FOIA request on or before August 31, 2015.

You requested from the EPA, among other things, all documents, and related communications, submitted by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to EPA pursuant to the requirements of the February 24, 2011 and February 4, 2013 Illinois Program Work Plan Agreements (Work Plan Agreements), including but not limited to documentation of completed National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) evaluations. This sixth interim response provides a portion of the responsive records to your request. More specifically, this sixth interim response provides records within the Water Division responsive to your request for documentation of completed NPDES evaluations.

Enclosure A is an itemized list of the documents being released and documents being partially released. We have determined that portions of some of the documents itemized on Enclosure A are exempt from mandatory disclosure under Exemptions 6 and 7(C) of FOIA, 5 U.S.C. §§ 552(b)(6) and (b)(7)(C). Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), protects information about individuals in "personnel and medical files and similar files" when disclosure of such information "would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy." Exemption 7(C), 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(C), protects law enforcement information when disclosure "could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy." By virtue of Exemption 6 and 7(C), we have redacted the following from the documents we are releasing: phone numbers and addresses unrelated to the operation of the facility or the NPDES evaluation and pictures of individual residences and individuals. Additionally, we have redacted owner

and/or operator residential addresses and other personal information such as personal finances, familial relationships, medical/health information or deceased status. The exemption applied is indicated at the point of each redaction.

You will receive an internet link from the Region 5 FOIA Office that will provide you with a list of released documents, which are identified in Enclosure A, along with access to the released documents.

Your request for a fee waiver has been approved; therefore, there is no fee for this interim response.

As stated earlier, this letter is the sixth interim response to your FOIA request and you do not have to appeal at this time. However, if you feel compelled to contest this sixth interim response, you may appeal this response to the National Freedom of Information Officer, U.S. EPA, FOIA and Privacy Branch, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW (2822T), Washington, D.C. 20460 (U.S. Postal Service Only), email: [hq.foia@epa.gov](mailto:hq.foia@epa.gov). Only items mailed through the United States Postal Service may be delivered to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. If you are submitting your appeal via hand delivery, courier service or overnight delivery, you must address your correspondence to 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room 6416J, Washington, D.C. 20004. Your appeal must be made in writing and it must be submitted no later than 30 calendar days from the date of this letter. The Agency will not consider appeals received after the 30 calendar day limit. The appeal letter should include the request number EPA-R5-2013-006337. For quickest possible handling, the appeal letter and its envelope should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

If you have any questions, please contact Julianne Socha, of my staff, at 312-886-4436, or you may contact the FOIA office at [R5foia@epa.gov](mailto:R5foia@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Tinka G. Hyde", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

*for* Tinka G. Hyde  
Director, Water Division

Enclosures